

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 40

By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Margaret Nelms.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Margaret Nelms; and

WHEREAS, born on March 22, 1920, to Lora Simpson Tillmon and Perry Tillmon in Middleton, Mrs. Nelms graduated from Middleton High School and then Blue Mountain College in 1941, from which she went to work as an educator at Bolivar Elementary; and

WHEREAS, her manifest talents and stellar character were quickly recognized, and Mrs. Nelms became the Elementary Supervisor of Hardeman County Schools in 1944; and

WHEREAS, in September of the same year, Mrs. Nelms married her much-beloved husband of fifty-eight years, Richard Nelms, at the home of her parents; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Nelms selflessly paused her work in education to care for her children and just as selflessly returned to the workforce upon her children's entry into college, then taking up the mantle of her family business, Nelms Chevrolet; and

WHEREAS, a woman skilled in virtuous leisure, Mrs. Nelms enjoyed reading literature, playing bridge and the piano, participating in church events, and watching sports, and she facilitated the leisure of others by her creation of a local bridge club in 1948 that continued until 2018; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Nelms was not content to concern herself merely with this world but thought much of the next, and she was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Bolivar, a faithful and loving soul to the last; and

WHEREAS, she is still remembered by her children, Barbara (Bernard) Pippin and W. Richard "Buddy" (Lisa) Nelms II; her grandchildren, Jenny Pippin, Blair (Sarah) Pippin, Caitlin

(Phillip) Price, and Trey (Amanda) Nelms; and her great-grandchildren, Aiden and Addy Pippin;  
and

WHEREAS, in addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband and  
her sister, Mary Louise Dodds; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Nelms was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional  
who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous  
capacities; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to  
remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Margaret Nelms, reflecting  
fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life  
with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences  
to the family of Mrs. Nelms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared  
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to  
the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear  
without House or Senate designation.